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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Appln. No.: 09/711,905

Examiner: K. Chu

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For: FOCUSING METHOD, METHOD OF DETECTING FOCAL POINT  
DEVIATION, METHOD OF FORMING MASTER OF DATA  
STORAGE MEDIUM, FOCUSING CONTROL UNIT, UNIT FOR  
DETECTING FOCAL POINT DEVIATION, AND UNIT FOR  
FORMING MASTER OF DATA STORAGE MEDIUM

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In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2004, please  
amend the above-captioned application as follows: